the noisy classroom

Circle Chats

What is the exercise?	Circle chats are used to help structure group discussions
Planning and materials	The topic, the circle groups
How many students?	6+
How it works	Students are divided into two groups, one forming an inner circle, the other forming the outer circle which surrounds the inner one. The inner circle could be seated, while the outer circle stands. Students in the outer circle can ask questions to the student they are paired with in the inner circle. After a set amount of time the teacher signals and inner circle rotates, pairing up with new students in the outer circle. Once the group has completed a full rotation, the inside circle and the outside circle swap places and repeat the above steps.
Adaptations and Differentiations	Higher level: Each inner circle member has a different topic they can be quizzed on Adaptation: Why not combine this with the fishbowl activity?
Best used	In a lesson; In a club In primary schools With a whole class; With smaller groups
Your notes:	